

**TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
ORDINANCE 2019-24**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE CLARIFY FEES  
REQUIRED FOR FINAL READING OF WATER METERS AND TO  
ESTABLISH THE FREQUENCY OF BILLING FOR WATER & SEWER**

**WHEREAS**, upon the sale of a property serviced by water services in the Township of Florence there is a need to determine a final billing for the prior owner; and

**WHEREAS**, the township code established a fee of \$25.00 for the final reading to be obtained; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee should be applied to the property and not to each individual meter; and

**WHEREAS**, the township code currently establishes the frequency for billing of water & sewer services as semi-annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the township has found that quarterly billing of water & sewer utility services offers a much more efficient method for collections and provides users with a more consistent fee system.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained** by the Township Council of the Township of Florence that:

**Section 1.** Section 140-36.1 of the Code of the Township of Florence is hereby amended to read as follows:

At the time of the sale of real property which is serviced by public water and sewer and located in the Township of Florence, it shall be the responsibility of the buyer of the property to contact the Township of Florence at least 10 days in advance of the date of closing in order to arrange for a reading of the property water meters within 48 hours of the closing date in order to provide the buyer and seller with a final water and sewer bill. A per-property fee of \$25 shall be charged for this service. In the event that the buyer fails to make these arrangements for a final meter reading, the buyer will be responsible for water and sewer service charges that were incurred prior to the date the buyer purchased the premises.

**Section 2.** Section 140-36.B of the Code of the Township of Florence is hereby amended to read as follows:

Regular meter readings will be made quarterly, and bills will be rendered as soon as practicable after the reading of the respective meters. In case of fire service, bills will be rendered on or about the first days of January and July for service during the preceding six months. All bills are due and payable on presentation or delivery. All customers connected to the water system will be billed and shall pay the minimum charge quarterly.

**Section 3.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

**Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Florence heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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JERRY SANDUSKY  
Council President

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NANCY L. ERLSTON, RMC  
Township Clerk

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**Take Notice** that the Ordinance identified above amends Chapter 140 of the Florence Township Code to clarify language establishing the fee for final readings of water meters at a single property location and to clarify that regular water & sewer utility charges are billed on a quarterly basis. The Ordinance has been adopted on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held on November 6, 2019. It will be considered for final passage after public hearing to be held on December 4, 2019, at 8:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. The Ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Copies of the full ordinance are on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Florence in the Municipal Complex. Copies may be obtained on request and a copy is posted on the municipal bulletin board in the Municipal Complex at 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk